

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A communication-status notification apparatus enabling a subscriber to observe various kinds of communication status in a network easily via the subscriber's own terminal in a communication system. The apparatus includes a request analysis section for discriminating whether or not voice data received by gateway equipment from a subscriber terminal contains a request on monitoring/controlling or notifying of a communication status in the network and for analyzing the content of the request when contains, a communication-status monitor/control section for monitoring/controlling the communication status responsive to the content of the request analyzed by the request analysis section based on a processing status of the voice data in the gateway equipment, and a communication-status notification section for notifying the subscriber terminal of the communication status monitored/controlled by the communication-status monitor/control section via the gateway equipment responsive to the content of the request analyzed by the request analysis section. The apparatus is useful when applied to VoIP gateway equipment or the like used for a VoIP communication system.